

1 62 [THE SOUL OF MAN.] *NOSCE
TEIPSUM!*

And yet we see in her such powers
divine,
As we could gladly think, from GOD she
came !
Fain would we make Him author of the
wine, If for the dregs, we could some
other blame."

Thus these good men, with holy zeal were
blind,
When on the other part the
truth did shine,
Whereof we do clear demonstrations
find,
By light of Nature, and by light
Divine.

None are so gross, as to contend for this,
That Souls from Bodies may traduced
be ! Between whose natures no
proportion is, When root and branch in
nature still agree.

But many subtle wits have justified
That Souls from Souls, spiritually may
spring ! Which (if the nature of the
Soul be tried) Will even, in Nature,
prove as gross a thing

For all things made, are either made of
nought,
Or made of stuff that ready made
doth stand :
Of nought, no creature ever formed
ought !
What is proper to th' Almighty's
hand.

If then the Soul, another soul do make ;
Because her power is kept within a
bound, She must some former stuff
or matter take ! But in the Soul,
there is no matter found.

Then if her heavenly Form do not agree,
With any matter which the world
contains ; Then She of nothing must
created be ! And to Create, to GOD
alone, pertains !

Again, if Souls do other Souls beget,
'Tis by themselves, or by the Body's
power ! If by themselves ! what doth
their working let, But they might
Souls engender every hour ?